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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I choose my small ISP provider because the big providers (AT&T & Comcast) haven't offered a service that meets my needs for decades: All I want is Internet - but AT&T & Comcast are intent on getting me to buy a bundle: I don't want a bundle, I don't want their cable TV, I don't want their phone service.

Connectivity to the Internet is now an essential service of modern life. That connectivity comes down to the last mile to residential customers, and that resource must remain open to for different providers to offer services via it.

Today, despite living in Silicon Valley, I have my service via a smaller provider, over DSL. This was made possible because of original regulation that ensured that that last mile access would be open.

I do not have fiber access.. which I would love to have, and would pay for... but I don't because that list mile of fiber is only available to AT&T and Comcast - and they don't offer a service that I want. My smaller provider would be happy to sell me that service, but they don't have access to that last mile of fiber.

Since the last mile, of DSL or fiber, is a critical, limited resource - it is imperative that the FCC continue to regulate it, and ensure it is available at a fair price for all.

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